

Minutes: Fireman's Park Neighborhood Association BOD Meeting

Wednesday July 24, 2013 at Harmony Café - Green Bay WI

Submitted by Taku C Ronsman - Secretary FPNA

Present: Carolyn Stoviak – President, Janene Olson – Treasurer, Taku Ronsman – Secretary, Teresa Hasenohrl – Member-at-Large, and Herb Hessil – Member-at-Large. **Absent:** Crystal Moreau – Vice-President, Vic Pelishek – Member-at-Large, and Brian Danzinger – Alderman.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance at the beginning of April 2013 was 1662.61, plus \$20.20 in petty cash. Additional contributions include \$185 (Newsletter business ads) for a total of \$1, 847.61. There is currently (as of 7/23/2013) \$405.18 in the FPNA account, plus \$1.90 in petty cash . Disbursements include \$18.30 for Park Clean-up, \$790.29 to Crystal Moureau for the Free Little Libraries, \$6 for the May/June Bank charge. The Music Concert picnic charge was \$301.20. Current balance is \$407.08 (including petty cash).

Secretary's Report: The April 17, 2013 FPNA Minutes were accepted as written.

Path Update: Carolyn reported that Alderman Brian Danzinger would contact the Parks Dept. about repairing the path that leads to Fireman's Park. Teresa noted that a tree has fallen into the path. Romi will email Brian to let him know.

Community Leadership Institute: Taku was chosen to attend the National Community Leadership Institute Training (October 2013) in Sacramento CA with Noel Halverson , Sadie Natalie and 5 other officers from Neighborhood Associations. The training is sponsored by NeighborWorks. They will cover the cost of airfare, hotel accommodations and breakfast.

Little Library Update: The BOD approved giving Crystal \$25 to buy more books for the Little Library. It was noted that currently books are being taken and not getting returned. It was suggested the current label on each book be changed to say "Take a book. Enjoy. Return the book." We agreed to ask for book donations in the fall newsletter. Carolyn requested the Library stands be stained before winter. Carolyn and Herb will get together sometime before September 1st to stain them.

Time Bank Update: Carolyn will contact Sue Premo to request that she give a presentation at our annual meeting in October.

Kiddie Parade: Neighborhood Associations were invited to share their music skills and take part in the annual Kiddie Parade on Tuesday, July 30. Taku reported she volunteered to drum with the kids at Fireman's Park, however there were no kids at the park who planned to attend the Kiddie Parade the 2 days she went to the park to meet with them. She said she will be leading an "Around the World" Drum Circle at the park right after lunch when the park has high attendance in lieu of participating in the Kiddie Parade.

Message Board: Taku requested that we revisit looking into getting 2 Message Boards for the Fireman's Park Neighborhood. 1 Board would be for the Mitchell Street/Fireman's Park area, and the other would be for the Beaver Dam Dr/Kennedy School area. Our next step is to research what the options are and what the price would be.

Newsletter: 1) Crystal and Taku will put work on the Fall FPNA Newsletter. The Spring Newsletter cost \$480.64 to print 751 (3 pages double sided). It cost an additional \$165 to mail the newsletter to Neighborhood Association homes. We discussed options for reducing the cost and for fundraising.

Taku will contact Bryan Boetcher (Quick Signs) and Office Depot's Printing Department to see if either of them would print our Newsletter at a lower rate than the City of Green Bay. She will also solicit more ads for the newsletter at \$25 for the business card size or \$30 for a larger size. It was suggested all the ads go on the front and back of a sheet of paper rather than inserted throughout the Newsletter. Taku will survey businesses that paid for ads in the Spring Newsletter to see if they would be ok with all the ads being together. 3) Taku will check with Crystal and Sadie to see if we can still get the \$1000 grant to help pay for the Newsletter, and if so, what the deadline is. Taku will also check with Sadie to see if it is acceptable to hold a neighborhood bake sale and to inquire what other associations do for fundraising (i.e. brat fry). 4) Items to include in the Newsletter: Agenda for the October 16 Annual Meeting, update on Military Ave, Spring park clean-up, Time Bank update, and update on Little Libraries, plus photos from 2013 FPNA events. We want to have the Newsletter printed and ready to mail by October 1st.

Miscellaneous: 1) Taku will request the new names/email addresses that Sean got at the concert at Fireman's Park. 2) Taku will check with Crystal and Sadie regarding applying for the \$1000 Leadership Grant.